

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for obscuring, relative non-volatile media, by-product, spool-associated data files which are created in the context of cooperative interaction between a computing device and an imaging device in relation to the handling of a document job file, where
5 such interaction and handling include job-file data transit activities conducted in a transit zone which is operatively interposed these devices. The method features (a) locating and identifying, within such a zone, each such by-product file at least at a point in time which lies in a time span that is beyond the end of that file's operative utility, and (b), before any destructive alteration takes place with respect to that file, and within such a time
10 span, and following the locating and identifying steps, applying a random bit mask obscuring process to the file.